



CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA REQUEST

AGENDA OF:	10-19-10	AGENDA REQUEST NO:	IX-A
INITIATED BY:	PATRICK WALSH, P.E. <i>Pmw</i> TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	TRANSPORTATION
PRESENTED BY:	PATRICK WALSH, P.E. TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	DEPARTMENT HEAD:	PATRICK WALSH, P.E. <i>Pmw</i> TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR
		ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT HEAD (S):	N/A
SUBJECT / PROCEEDING:	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR FY11-14 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FUNDING		
EXHIBITS:	RESOLUTION 10-48		
CLEARANCES		APPROVAL	
LEGAL:	JOE MORRIS, CITY ATTORNEY <i>JCM for JDM</i>	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	JIM CALLAWAY <i>Jim Callaway</i> COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PURCHASING:	N/A	ASST. CITY MANAGER:	N/A
BUDGET:	JENNIFER BROWN <i>JB</i> BUDGET & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	CITY MANAGER:	ALLEN BOGARD <i>kd</i> FOR AB
BUDGET			
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$		N/A	
AMOUNT BUDGETED/REALLOCATION: \$		N/A	
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: \$		N/A	
RECOMMENDED ACTION			
Approve Resolution 10-48, stating the City's commitment to providing local matching funds for projects proposed for inclusion in the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Fiscal Year 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.			

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 1, 2010, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced a “Call for Projects” to select Houston-area projects for newly available funding in the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP funds are available in two federal funding categories: the “Surface Transportation Program Metro Mobility” (STP-MM) program and “Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement Program” (CMAQ). Approximate funding amounts are as follows (in millions):

Year	STP-MM	CMAQ
2011	\$0.4	\$0.28
2012	\$8.5	\$0.75
2013	\$8.1	\$16.6
2014	\$2.7	\$36.2
TOTAL	\$19.8M	\$53.9M

The TIP funding is a potential opportunity for the City to accelerate project delivery of its Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Limited funding availability has impacted the CIP by postponing projects, including some that were pushed off the 5-year planning horizon. The H-GAC funds could alleviate this problem by leveraging the City’s funding as a 20% local match to 80% federal funding.

The City’s Transportation Department has been coordinating with the City’s Engineering, Traffic, and Parks staff to develop an application for the TIP funds. This application is due October 29, 2010. The application requires a documentation of the local match, such as a resolution from the sponsoring agency. A resolution is attached for Council’s consideration. The resolution documents the City’s support for the following four (4) projects, all of which are contained in the City’s Five Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP):

CIP No.	Project Name	Cost Estimate
TR0804*	U.S. 59 @ S.H. 6 Geometric Improvements Phase 3	\$7,590,000
ST1301*	US Highway 90A Widening (SH6 to SH99)	\$4,300,000
PK1003	Ditch ‘H’ Hike and Bike Trail	\$6,150,000
PK0906	First Colony Area Hike & Bike Trail	\$4,150,000

* Note: This City CIP project has been modified for the TIP application; see below

It should be noted that two projects have been modified from their original form in the City’s CIP. US Highway 90A Widening (ST1301) is proposed in the CIP as a single additional westbound lane for US Highway 90A from State Highway 6 to Easton Road (Prison Drive). The cost of the project in the CIP is \$440,000. City staff recommends utilizing the potential TIP funds to expand this project to a more logical terminus and alleviate congestion along a greater stretch of roadway. The proposed expanded project will widen US Highway 90A to 6 lanes from State Highway 6 to State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway). City staff expects traffic to increase along this roadway as a result of new development west of the City as well as construction of the Grand Parkway grade separations, which could begin as early as 2011. Since this expanded project extends beyond the City limits, City staff has been working with Fort Bend County officials to develop a partnership for the required local match. Fort Bend County officials have been supportive of the project and should the project be selected, the City would need to pursue further discussions with the County regarding this partnership.

A second project, TR0804 is shown as U.S. 59 @ S.H. 6 Geometric Improvements- Phase 3. The FY11-15 CIP reflects funding only for 30% design and associated environmental and drainage work for Phase 3 of the project. The CIP does not show a construction amount for Phase 3, which is currently under design. Current design

estimates put the construction at the \$7.59 million that is reflected in the TIP application. Since this is not anticipated to occur within the next few years, the project is being shown as phase 3 rather than an extension of the currently funded phase 2.

The City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and expressed support for the project list shown on the attached resolution.

EXHIBITS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS,
REGARDING ITS SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM FUNDING.**

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2010, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced a "Call for Projects" to select Houston-area projects for newly available funding in the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the City has identified priority projects on its Capital Improvement Program that meet the eligibility requirements for the TIP funding; and

WHEREAS, funding limitations have resulted in delays to proposed mobility projects on the City's CIP, and the TIP funds could accelerate the City's ability to deliver mobility projects; and

WHEREAS, the identified projects will improve mobility in Sugar Land; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the City requests that the Houston-Galveston Area Council approve the following four (4) projects for TIP funding:

- (1) U.S. 59 @ S.H. 6 Geometric Improvements Phase 3
- (2) U.S. Highway 90A Widening (S.H. 6 to S.H. 99)
- (3) Ditch 'H' Hike and Bike Trail
- (4) First Colony Area Hike & Bike Trail

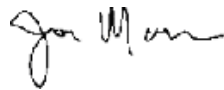
Section 2. That the City expresses its commitment to these projects and its willingness to provide a local funding match to the TIP funds.

APPROVED on _____, 2010.

James A. Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed for Legal Compliance:



Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary